

**Minidoka Snake River Corridor Cooperative Weed
Management Area
2003
End of Year Report**



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Introduction

The Minidoka Snake River Corridor Cooperative Weed Management Area was developed to facilitate effective treatment and coordinate control efforts over the long-term. The Minidoka Snake River Corridor CWMA has developed common management objectives, set realistic management priorities, and identified priority weed species.

The goals of the Minidoka Snake River Corridor CWMA are to: Prevent the introduction, reproduction and spread of noxious weeds and invasive exotic plants; Reduce the extent and density of established noxious weeds to levels that are acceptable; Implement the most economical and effective control methods for target weeds; Implement an integrated management system using appropriate methods of treatment and control; Educate the public as to the importance of proper weed management and get the needed media coverage to show what is being done.

The area covered by this Agreement includes Minidoka and a portion of Cassia, and Blaine Counties.

The major weeds of importance in the area include Scotch Thistle, Canada Thistle, Rush Skeletonweed, Medusahead Rye, and Diffuse Knapweed. Major efforts are being made to control these weeds each year.

The Chairperson of the Minidoka Snake River Corridor CWMA is Reid Smith, with Carol Stroud as Vice and Diana Wheeler as secretary. Cooperators in the CWMA include private landowners, county government, university, state and federal land management agencies, as well as interested individuals and organizations.

Summary of Year 2003 Projects

This was another successful year for the Minidoka Snake River Corridor CWMA. The program is definitely growing each year and our reputation is spreading. The following were the primary accomplishments this year:

Coordination Meetings

Several coordination meetings were held prior to the field season to establish objectives, goals, finalize the annual operating plan, receive direction from the Idaho State Department of Agriculture, and plan the summers' events.

Weed Warriors



Purchased two 4-Wheelers

The Minidoka Snake River CWMA purchased 2 4-Wheelers to help with the eradication of Noxious, and Non-Noxious Weeds. The 4-Wheelers were also used to GPS Weed areas.

The 4-Wheelers were used to Spray Weeds on BLM, Bureau of Reclamation, U.S. Fish & Wildlife, Minidoka Irrigation, Union Pacific Railroad, State, Private and County properties. The Noxious Weeds that were sprayed: White Top, Canada Thistle, Scotch Thistle, Spotted Knapweed, Russian Knapweed, Puncturevine, Kochia, Field Bindweed, Syrian Beancaper, Purple Loosestrife, Musk Thistle, Horsetail, Leafy Spurge, Dandelions, Burr Buttercup, Blue Mustard, and other Broadleaf Weeds. **Approximately 317 hours of spray time.**



2 Honda Rubicon 4-Wheelers with Spray units.



Spraying Russian Knapweed.



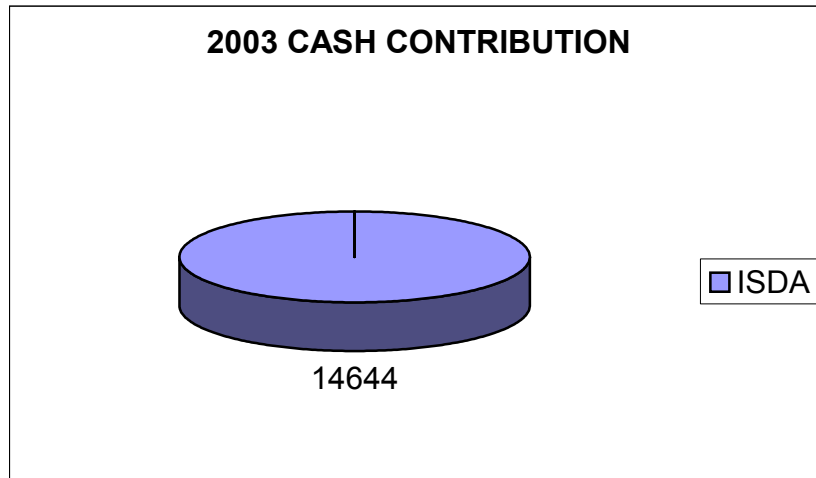
Spraying Scotch Thistle on Island in Snake River.



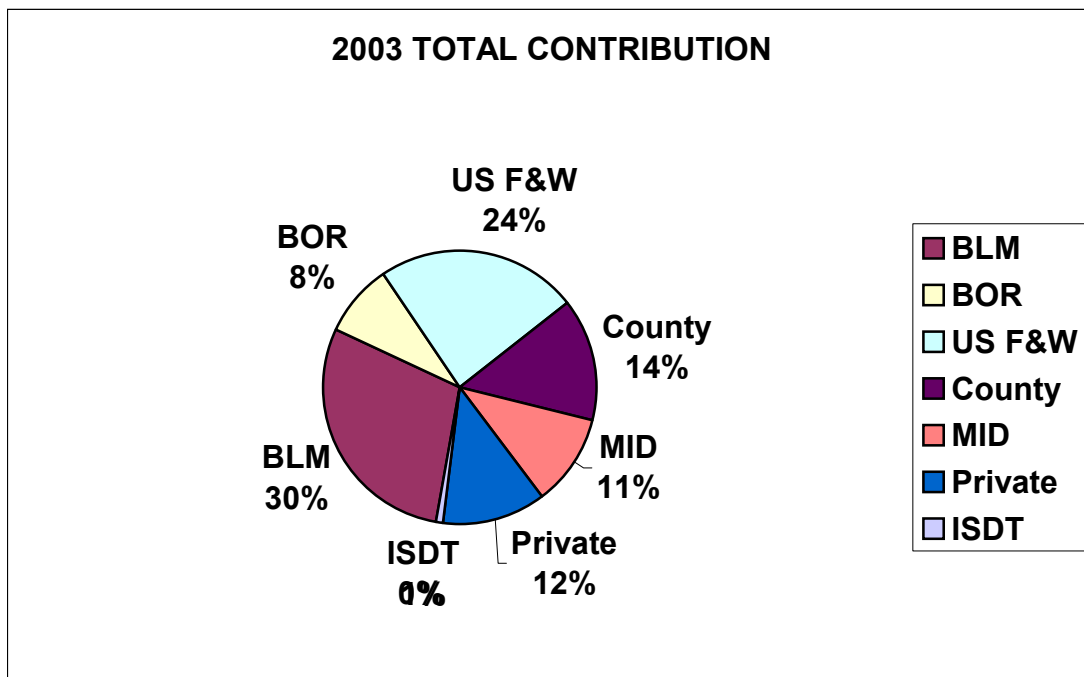
Using 4-Wheeler to GPS Thistles on Islands.

Contributions and Expenditures for the 2003

The following pie chart shows the cash contributions obtained for the Minidoka Snake River Corridor CWMA in the 2003 season. A total of \$14,644 dollars was received.



The following pie chart shows a break down of cash funds, contributed time, equipment, and supplies for Minidoka Snake River Corridor CWMA. \$79,072 was contributed. **This totaled \$93,716 for the 2003 season.**



2004 Season

The Minidoka Snake River Corridor CWMA has big plans for Year 2004. Some of them include:

Two to three “Work Days” with Cooperators Spraying on: Medusahead Rye, Diffuse Knapweed, Scotch Thistle, Rush Skeltonweed, then monitor the areas during the year.

We plan on organizing a “Work Day” with Cooperators to Spray Scotch Thistle by Lake Walcott State Park.

Reseeding some county highways to help the control of Puncturevine in the barrow pits.

Education is one of our Goals: make Weed Awareness Signs, send “News Letters” on Noxious Weeds, put up signs at Lake Walcott on Weeds.

Work on starting an Insectory in a few areas for Canada Thistle. Try months on Poison Hemlock.

Appendix I

Steering Committee

Chairman	Vice Chair	Secretary
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Appendix II

Project Summaries:

Category	Weed species	Acres treated
Purchased 2 4-Wheelers	Scotch Thistle	
	White Top	
	Canada Thistle	
	Spotted Knapweed	
	Russian Knapweed	
	Puncturevine	
	Kochia	
	Field Bindweed	
	Syrian Beancaper	
	Purple Loosestrife	
	Musk Thistle	
	Horsetail	
	Leafy Spurge	
	Dandelions	
	Burr Buttercup	
	Blue Mustard	
Total acres treated		449

